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with the usual filth and squalor. No infected rats have been found in the neighborhood.

The source of infection is unknown. There are two possible sources. The young lady, now in hospital, and her sister visited in Glasgow during August, but as far as is known there was no plague in Glasgow at that time. The second theory is that infection was conveyed to this family by a police officer who had been a lodger there and who was engaged at the Princes' Dock morgue, and in the course of his duties handled the dead bodies and their clothes. The police officer in question, however, has remained quite well.

As regards the precautions that are being taken, it would seem that they were sufficient for the present. It is needless to state that the infected houses have been thoroughly disinfected, and courts and ash pits cleaned out, etc. All contacts have been isolated and inspected, and any suspicious case of illness is sent to the hospital for expert diagnosis.

As regards vessels leaving for the United States, a special inspection has been undertaken by the municipal authorities of all the crew and passengers, but especially of steerage passengers coming from Liverpool. This inspection includes an examination of the glands in the groin and axilla. A certificate of this inspection is attached to the bill of health.

The United States consul has been most active in his efforts to prevent the infection of steerage passengers passing through this port and in this direction has admonished the boarding-house keepers in regard to their houses, and has also succeeded in having the trains bringing these immigrants from Hull to Liverpool cleaned and disinfected before being used. In view of the fact that the usual period of incubation of plague has elapsed since the last case was isolated here, and that the above precautions are being taken, it has not seemed to me necessary to institute any more strict measures of inspection. Should, however, further cases occur, the case might be altered.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Liverpool cases of plague not traceable to Glasgow.

[Cablegram.]

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *November 8, 1901.*

Liverpool cases not traceable to Glasgow. No new cases; 1 death; seventh.—THOMAS.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

End of plague in Liverpool.

[Cablegram.]

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *November 18, 1901.*

Liverpool declared free to-day.—THOMAS.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.